## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of:       | ) |                        |
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|                             | : | Examiner: Cindy Nguyer |
| TOSHIAKI IGARASHI           | ) |                        |
|                             | : | Art Unit: 2161         |
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| For: NETWORK                | ) | May 10, 2007           |

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to continued examination on the merits, a Request for Continued

Examination being filed herewith, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner amend the above-identified application as follows.

The amendments to the claims are set forth in the listing beginning on page 2 and the Remarks begin on page 13.